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Thanksgiving Observances in the Metropolis and the Suburbs.

Interesting Services in the Churches and Synagogues.

Feasting the Public Poor at the Charitable Institutions. .

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New England customs do not generally take much hold on the popular neart outside of that cold region; but the idea of having a day set apart for general thanksgiving, though at first perverted into an affair of sackcloth and ashes in some very strict commu-Northern and Western States so very generally until it has become as fixed in the national customs as Christmas is in those of Merric England. Yesterday was observed with appropriate services in nearly till the city churches, and the Giver of all Good was devously praised by thousands of rich and poor. Taose who had abundance did not forget their less fortunate brethren, so that open-handed benevo lence brought joy and gladness to hundreds whose usual fate is misery. Below will be found reports of the services, sermons, dinners and rejoleings which

SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH

Beecher on American Institutions, Religious Preedom and Advantages of the Free

terday at Plymouth church one of his racy and pecu-har addresses, riveting the attention of a large and fashionable congregation throughout the course of his remarks. The text was taken from Isaah xl., 12:-"And he shall set up an ensign unto the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and shall gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." The reverend gentleman having briefly referred to the foundation the tribe of Israel, compared the great flow of emigrants to this country to the river Nile, which to its sweeping course occasionally carried away mud foundations, watered the plains and contributed to He showed the advantages which were derived from the ever increasing popu lation, and adverted to the great activity and industry which characterized the people was needed but little amusement, while he considered that amusements were the safety va ves. Neverthe.es. it was the tendency of human nature to degenerate when surrounded by great prosperity. Republican institutions demanded energetic and virtuous out zens. Commenting upon the rapid strides with which progress at times advanced, and the powerful influences of commercial wealth, he explained toat national unity must ever be secured by a common national unity must ever be secured by a common interest; there was nothing to hander any of the members of the Union from leaving the national organization when it occame their interest. To be sure Rhode Island or New Jersey might not be able to without alone, but true and irlenally unity could only be maintained, for there was no bond strong enough to hoot the unwithing members of so vast a republic as this; and if we were to have any unity it must be by common consent, formed upon common interest. The spread of knowledge and intelligence was conjuctive to that great end. American institutions had been often criticised, and it was said that they were not marked by high culture. Now, intelligence was of more great end. American institutions had been often criticised, and it was said that they were not marked by high culture. Now, intelligence was of more value to the people of this country. For the people histological was of more value to the people of this country. For the people histological was noduced largely by religious discussion. It was right that Cathologish and Protestantism should be opposed. If Fere Hyachibe defined transitions and the right of a superior of a body to think for the inferior, be would be a prest of a light and progressive order. Conflicts were being waged over the world, and these condicts, whatever they might be, had much of education in them, it was far better that reingion should be subdivided than that there should be one gettled doctrine; for his, oke volumes for the vitality of religion itself. Free common sensors were of vital importance toward the promotion of intelligence in their foundation genation the subject of free common sensors were of vital importance for any light of the subject of the economy genational on the proposition to private institutions, from which the religion of the poor were necessarily excuted. It would indeed be well it the former were compelled to go to the free common schools, because they could but find private ones as good. Those schools should not be sectarian, by which children of one creed were to be excluded. Moreover, he was opposed to the introduction even of the lable fiscil if it was a support in the second of the production even of the lable fiscil if it was a support of the production even of the lable fiscil if it was a support of the production even of the lable fiscil if it was a support of the production even of the lable fiscil if it was a support of the production even of the lable fiscil if it was a support of the production even of the lable fiscil if it was a support of the production even of the lable fiscil if it was a support of the fiscil if it is the first of the fiscil if it is the first of the fiscil if it is the first of the be sectarian, by which children of one creed were to be excluded. 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Doubtiess they expected him to said that religion was absolutely necessary to manifally the mainfall the mainfall he ma In art. As appears an expect to authors, we summer and were found sweet to authors, we fruit of reigion was yet obter prior to its maturity. By and by it wound revive. After alliading at some leagen to the numerous religious socas and their various dogmas he observed that the age of unity had not yet come. People were dwar in an age of a vision, vita ity and excitement, and the fruits of a vision, vita ity and excitement, and the fruits of the present struggle wound be reserved for the generations to come. Such was expected from the generations to come. Such was expected from the generations to come. Such was expected from the generations to come. sec. The reverence gentleman concluded by pointing out the principle upon which he contended true humaniav and true region were passa. The were not to be found so make in the associated body as in the majesty, the power and love of the individual.

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCHES.

The pealing chimes of Old Trinity announced yesterday morning in silver tones that once again would the congregation assemble together under its sacred roof to give .hanks to the Great Giver for hi mercles during the past year and participate in singing hosannas with its well trained choir. The air was sharp and clear and the saver toned bells ennounced to all who thronged Broadway that the day of national gladness had dawned.

At seven o'clock the exercises appropriate to the occasion were commenced. The grand old church occasion were commenced. The grand on char-was filled to its utmost caractif by the regular con fregation and by casual visitors attracted infile after the first lesson the coordinate the cantral henceforte omit a open a Doma; and after the second lesson that magnificent Psalm beginning

All people who on earth do awell bing to the kora with cheering voice,

All people who on earth do swell bing to the loan whit enterin voice, was song in fine style by the choir.

The lev. In. Winder asceaded the polpit after the morning service was closed, and preached a serimon appropriate to the occasion, he fook for his textile first verse of the twenty-fourtal Psaum—"The cath is the loan's, and the runness thereof, the world and shey that dwell increan." The preacher remarked, at the commencement, that its sext and the entire results were prophetic of the ascension of Christ; linded it was remarkance how often the Psalmist took occasion to awent upon this theme he seemed to make of the sovereinity of Christ as of paramount importance. The preacher drew therefrom the argument that as the earth was the cupreme functional maker and owner of all terms of was filled and proper that an tais occasion his creatness should assemble together to render lith thanks and praces and give of their soundance to the poor and nesses, Combaing the theories of the athese, the reversal genticies and the land as no man was humant the originator of anything, but that Got was the giver and creator, it was van for man to lift his bead in pridand to assert that the earth belonged to humanity. Explaining his point he said that even every man was indebuced to every other man to something, and was indebuced to every other man to something, and

lished of God. Applying the lessons taught in the Psaim to the day and hour the preacher spoke of the duties of the congregation to the poor, and pronounced a warning against excessive induigence. A collection was taken up after the sermon.

In all the other Protestant Episcopal churches of the city and suburbs the day was appropriately celebrated by services amiliar to those in Trinity, and sermons were preached in a similar spirit of thankfulness. The congregations in each and every one were large and itseared with attention and proper devotional feeling to the inspired music and the leachings of ineit pastors.

THE UM VERSALIST CHURCHES.

At the Church of the Divine Paternity the religious services were of the usual character, save that the day was specially alluded to in the opening prayer of the pastor. Dr. Chapin took his text from the Book of Exedus, xxiii., 18-"The feast of ingather ing, which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labors of the field." The preacher said that the feast here alluded to was what was known as the Feast of Tabernacies. It was traus mitted down to us from generation to generation, and had recently been celebrated among us at this particular period of the year. He therefore particular period of the year. He therefore took that passage of the Book of Excatus as the basis of the remarks which he proposed to make on this occasion. He proposed to speak of the significance of our mational Thanksgiving. Firstly, then, it was expressed in the sentiment of its character. The sentiment of the present occasion was one of thankfulness. So it was with the original Peast of Tabernacies; that was a ceromonial of praise and joy. Surely, there were always ecasions for special praise and thanks. In fact our Freshieth had very distinctly and justif stated the simple, yet beningmant. cles; that was a ceremonial of praise and joy, surely, there were always ocasions for special praise and thanks. In fact our Fresident had very distinctly and justly stated the sample, yet beinguont, ground lor our thanksgiving in the fact that the year had been free from positionor; soundance had crowned the efforts of the missandiman, nature had increased ner weath and straight; a general blessing had prevalled throughout the land in peace and harmony. The Feast of Tabernacies commemorated the time wheat the children of issued escaped from the bondage of Egypt and dwelt in tabernacies. It was a hational restivat instituted by authority and it commemorated fiberty. And now the people of this whole land meet on that day in obscience to the proclamation of the head of the nation to give thanks to God. This represented the real characteristic spirit of order which was ingraited in the people of our nation, and engraited, in fact, in the whole angio-Saxoa race. We were eminently and pecuniarly a new autiling people and it was gratifying to see the general aspect of public and pontical order which now prevailed among us. hardly ever did we now see anything like a ground swell of anarchy among our people. Why? Because the people themselves are the conservators of order, which was the more remarkable because that order prevailed side by side with free dom. There was order in Paris, where the popular voice was fringed with the bayoness of the Emperor, There was order to the banks of the Emperor, There was order to the banks of the Emperor, There was order the paris, where the popular voice was fringed with the bayoness of the source and the sprang from the liberty of a great people itself. The preacher she went on, in his usual coquent strain, to enumerate the numerous bleeslags which god had showered down on us during the year, and impressed on his nearers, in conclusion, the appropriateness and fitness of returning thanks to Han on that particular day.

Similar services were head at the following churches of the Uni

THE UNITAHAN CHURCHES. That beautiful and c pacio us temple of worship, the Church of the Messiah, corner of Thirty-fourth street and Park avenue, was compactly filled yester-day by attendants upon the services in observance of Thanksgiving Day. The services were opened by the choir singing that exquisite hosannah of praise, "Praise tae Lord, O My Soul!" which, after prajer by Rev. Dr. Hellows, was followed by "How Beaunful Are Thy Dwellings." The other preli-minary services concluded, Rev. Mr. Hepworth preached a sermon, one of the most eloquent he has yet delivered, the subject being 'Our American institutions and Their influence on the Civilization and Liberties of the World." He selected as his text Acts xxviii., 15-"He thanked God and took courage." The true student sees in history God's work as well as man a. There is a certain logic that is born of Heaven—a power that 'shapes our ends, rough hew them as we will." You shall see the Mississippi; it will turn back again on itself, but it will flow in the same general direction toward the sen. It is the same with history; it turns back on itself. Civilizasame with austory; it turns back on Riself. Civilization is a corrious study to the student. Starting in Asia i, finally crosses the Atlantic and establishes itself here in our great system of government. It is no signt thing to be born in America. The largest indicated that is being exerted a on the world to-day in elevating maintool, and giving in juer tone and dignity to womanhood emanates from here—from the source of our statered people. America leads the van in the race of history, mighty in her powers and in her courage. All the world are taking us as an example. He proceeded to review the inducence of amedican institutions upon the governments of the world. The roar of arthery on sunker's hill had not yet ceased to be neard. Keviewing the great camputans of Napoleon be shown in the world was waiting for one despot to one—the present Emperor of France. This man had accomplished nothing great in thistory. Seventy years ago the Frence people one not wantor sovereigns to die, but marched she had been to to-day and the France of to-morrow, flow was it with Spain's First in arise, in the schedes and in interface; now had she deactiorated. Like a giant overcurdened she has left the weight of her ecclesiastical institutions. The revolution to day promised only Jears, only woss, chip bood, and no grand result. This revolution came about through the indicator of tury; her pritests are ner miers; her common people tions. The revolution to day promised only lears, only woes, only blood, and no grand result. This revolution came about through the indicated factories press of America. Spain's reigiton stands in her way; her priests are ner rulers; her common people unesticated and under the indirence of the furrous, and the higher chasses stommissive to the control of the pressition. The result could not by such as would accompash the ends of higher civilization. He believed hat Cuba and Spalo would soon be dissevered, and that the teachings of our American institutions would show intermediate in both countries, now was it he hally? Jughty in pass associations and having a librory whose speciator was unparabled and that he teachings of our American institutions would show intermediately in feature. See longed to be free but could not. There was no tree press there, no free tunning in reason. The type ruled, in this, his has hour, to have alled together the Ecumenical Counch, in the hope to mipress his image upon the those and preserve and extend his induction. A free press, a law enforcing elucation upon the masses, and it would not be a generation before the chair of St. refer would be come a history of the past, and may and Spain and trained would be republiced and free, the spoke at length in this connection of our system of public seniors and the reading of the Ribbie in them, as opposed by the koman Cathoric charen. If the time should ever come that he Bibbe is banished from our public scapols we bid added to recoden, to progress, to a higher and graniter elvalization. Its arged that they should figure this point to the link. Last Sabouth a prest said in this city what he knew to be alice—that 'rotestantism was the enemis of Protestantism and our free institutions, for then are included a length very plantly on this point. It would not to be given. Look in England, Prassia, Russia, Germany and France, and it was the a rotestant element that was also element of the grantles of distribution and reingious liberty in this

SERVICES IN THE SYNAGOGUES.

Yesterday divine services appropriate to the great estival were held at the Temple Adata Jeshurum, on Thirty-ninth street, the rabol Rev. Dr. Einporen officiating. The speaker caose as text the words of the psalmist (Psalm xxix.), "God bleaseth his people with peace, and said:-Ints day is appointed to render thanks to our Heavenly Father for the bonntiful barvest. We may now rejoice also to the bounuful yield of the cotton harvest. No more cling blood and tears to it, but the sweat of free labor, which is man's noblest prerogative. Our thanks are due also for those higher blessings water consecrate the material success, for the progress of peace and the restoration of the Union after years of fratricidal strife. God gave strength to his people for the holy contest that they may truly enloy a peace whose tri-umphs are not descerated by the ratting of chains. Is peace restored fully, however? Can we say now that our country may shine as a bright say now that our country may same as a origin example of purity? Indeed not it becomes, therefore, our duty to neep in burging it of the dools which yet deform the beautiful instantions of this country. The American flation has undoubtedly great and noble traits of character; a grantice spirit of enterprise which cares not for consense, however; a strong reinflows tendency, which looks to the exterior only and not to inner reit mosts. No one count underrate the gigantic extent of industry, the great activity of our merchant, mecanics and manufacturers, and the facilities

which are offered to every man to work his way np to wealth and position by his intellect and industry. But such enterprises dare not, it they claim moral respect, be prostituted by gross materialism, which cares not by what means it reaches its alim. Whoever accumulates rules by defrauding his fellow men is not a help to society, but an enemy. The state of affalias is, in this respect, worse here than in any other country. Men are not measured by the ways and means they earned their riches, but by the extent of them. When people suspend payments it is not asked whether they were forced to it by unfortunated circumstances, but whether they were smart enough to fill their pockets. So boundless is the eagerness for riches that people risk their all and enter into speculations far beyond the capacity of their means, as witnessed in the late panic. The Israelites, who to be valued as filver must be gold, are not better in this respect. There are thousands in this circ who laugh at you if you spear of any other mission for the Jews than that of making money. If this festival is more than a mere show, let us determine to make it truly a Thanksgiving hay and to contribute as much as we can toward the amelioration of this state of affairs. The people think they can make compromises with the ancioration of this state of affairs. The people think they can make compromises with the ancioration of this state of affairs. The people think they can make compromises with the ancioration of this state of affairs. The people think they can make compromises with the ancioration of this state of affairs. The people think they can make compromises with the mouse of worship, by a regular visit to the house of worship, by recting the presented formulas with sentimental tears, by joining the phons societies for the purpose of provising for the leavenly beatifude of those whom they woold rob of their carrial goods without conscientious scrupies, Or is there reingious piety in the demonstrations of these rively impressed by the holmess existence.

Appropriate services for the day were conducted

yesterday also at the Temple B'nal deshuran by Rev. Dr. Vidaver, at Temple B'nal Manimum by Rev. Dr. Finegel, and at all the other Hebrew places of worshin.

THE PRESENTERIAN CHURCHES The services in the Canal street Presbyterian

church were conducted yesterday morning by the pastor, Rev. David Muchell. After the usual devotional exercises an address suitable to Thanks-giving Day was delivered. Mr. Mitchell said:—One does not require to live long in this country to be impressed with the value and importance of Thanks giving as a national holiday. It is didicult to con-ceive of any one who could not eatch the spirit with which the day is enjoyed; who would not eat his turkey with a happy and thankful heart; who would not enter with all his soul into the joyons sports of the young. We have the satisfaction of feeting that this enjoyment is not confined to one or two cities, but that it is thoroughly national. The Presidential edict appointing it will command general attention. Great employees to be laid on the fact that Thanksgiving as a national institution is the capite and appointment of the american people. We do not know that such a thing has occurred in any other nation. The lewish people had a similar season in the rear of the Theorisa, each of the theorisa ces, but it was appointed by senovan. It is somewar remarkable that in Giret B stain is year of scarcity, a pestilence, leads to the appointment of a national day of insting, while years of pleaty and health receive little notice. In second there is no national manksgiving flav. The General Assembles may recommend that on a convenient Sunday the attention of the people be directed to the subject; but it is generally referred a briefly in the concluding prayer of the service. In this country Transsayiving has a meaning or every man. It is attentioned by all, welcomed and enjoyed by all, and remembered by all, welcomed and enjoyed by all, and remembered by all, welcomed and enjoyed by all, and remembered by all, welcomed and enjoyed by a not some upon a day on which we are expected to go up to the nouse of the Lord whit rejocing. After comparing with this know who spent the day without any acknowledgment of God's bounty, the preacher remarked that among the many things that call for our trantitide and praise are our personal blessings, our domestic comforts, our congregational privileges. The ostensible and only to go to thanksgiving that presents itself to most minds is the granting we should express to Alm ghy tool for a boundrul harvest. The produce of the ground is beyond conception. This produce is the first timit to prove at the upprecedented goodness with which the Lord has crowned the year. The produce of the ground is beyond conception. This produce is the first timit to prove a time while this day enterlined the Lord while some books of the sound of the second this enjoyment is not confined to one or two cities, but that it is thoroughly nasocial upward an eye of fain and love to litin as our fainer. Breinren, be carein for no hing but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto cook, and the peace of cook which passets all understanding, shall keep your hearts and inlads, through Christians. Services consonant with the general intent of the festival were colorated in almost all the Presbyterian churches yesterday.

THE METHOD AT EMS UPAL CHUICHES

The Thanksgiving services in the Methodist Epis copal churches yesterday were very largely attended, and as a rule were deeply interesting.

At the Seventa street Methodist Episconal church congregations were particularly namerous, and the feast was unusually honored in the observance.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

The services at the Cataclic churches were of no extraordinary character. The usual low masses were celebrated, at which thousands of the rathful sitenced A high mass was, however, celebrated at St. Stephen's, in Twenty-eights street, and during the ceremony the church was crowded in its every part.

THANKS IVING AT PUBLIC INSTITUTION .

Ward's Island-Visit of the Emigration Com

At ten o'clock yesterday forenoon the Commission-Andrew Fletcher at Castle Garden to pay a visit to Ward's Island. They were accompanied by over three hundred persons, members of the German Society, of this city. As this is known to be the oldest German immigrant society of the country, a nong the early presidents of which was General stedoen the early presidents of which was General Steucea himself, due honors were paid to the present members as they emered the rear cabin of the bost. The trip to ward's island was a very joily one, tungs of the past, of the present and even of the probable lauter being discussed in a merry mood.

On lauding the whole company were conducted through the several establishments from nospitals to nurseries, from tingue to store rooms, to the Processans chapel not to be Catholic courch, to the diding sail and the playroom—in fact, the visitors were led to every building on the Island and well of the early of the past of the backery the oread was used, and it was found to be of superior quality to the paker's oread generally delivered in this city. The washoes and conjugation were examined, the stances and conjugates, and the conclusion come to by all, was that the contributions of the phone, cheerist, pand by every one, were judiciously expended.

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There are now about 1 700 persons on the island, in coarge of the commissioners of finigration. They are all wentaken care or, judging from their appearance, and yes erany, it being Transagiving by, they find an extra dimer of turkey and several other deducates. Several gentlemen of the German society had values with them, which they opened when the wards of children were reached, there they distributed cakes and sweemests among the little ones, to the chagrin of those who had forgotted thus to provide themselves with girts, jet to the great design of the boys and girts, who were nappy in the receipt of cases, candles and other sweet condiments.

bers of the Liederkranz and of the Arion were present, a song was suggested. A chorus immediately formed and "Lobe Wohl" was anny with perfection, considering the impromptu manner or gathering the chorus. Mr. Loutrel again took tee floor, and referring to the resolution adopted by the Board, that no apeccommating was to take place, he said that he would be unjust to one member of the Board, to whose services the present prosperous condition of the Commission is largely indebted, were he not to oner the neath of Mr. Guilan C. Verplanck, the presedent, who, on account of his age, was unable to be present. This toast was drank with great approbation, and shortly after the company adjourned to the boat and were conveyed to the city.

Bellevue Hespital, the Schoolship Mercury

The day was celebrated in a very becoming and priseworthy manner yesterday at Believue Mospital, as well as on the schoolship Mercury, which is now anchored off Believue Hospital, and on Blackwell's Island, and reflected much credit on all the parties

in charge of the various charities.

Believue was the scene of much rejoicing and prethis ancient asylum was both clean and comfortable, and Mr. I homas S. Brennan, the efficient warden, has succeeded in getting from the Commissioners an order for naving the wards for the patients comfortably carpeted as their bedsides, which not only addissing the patients catching cold, to which they would be subjected it they stood on the maked boards, and is an improvement deserving of mich commendation. Air. Brennan has also had introva supplied to each ward, as well as arm chairs and crockery. The breakfast yesterday morning was the same as usual, and consistent of good tea, bread and butter, i.e., with assn and other "cainties," and these were boundfully supplied. I be dinner consisted of roast beef, beefsteak, potatoes, soup, carobage and beet root, which were served up both clean and plenning.

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One very pleasing and interesting feature in the proceedings was in connection with the sencoising Mercury, commanded by Captain Stesson. The 200 boys on board maye seen taken from the institution on that's island, and these are undergoing institution to it facing in after years for chaef naval or commercial duty so hat as navigation is concerned, incy outlas on board the schooland were samptiously entertained at dinner with plenty of roast furkeys and conserved to the simp in charge of a proper officer.

At the Charay Hospital, on Black wen's Island, Mr. subed, warden; Penicondary, Mr. Fitch, warden; Workhouse, Mr. Keen, warden; Asylua, Mr. Smythe, warden, the arrangements were similarly curried ont, and in such a manner as gave substaction to the patients and prisoners. The names of the visit, by physicians and arrangements for Beneve Hospital, at the present time, are:—Drs. James R. Wood, Lewis A. Sayre, Stephen Smith, George f. Eithe, H. B. Sands and A. L. Loomis; and these not only give their services gratuitously, but are mose punction and print heart the day the greatest order and regularity prevaned, and an passed of as a georious gals day, the puttents and boys on the schoolship wishing for many nappy returns of the season.

FEASTING AND THANKS AT THE LOCAL CHARITABLE INSTI-

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Howard Mission and Home For Little Wan-

derers.

Thanksgiving Day may well be regarded as the festive day of practical Chistianity. Weary of the eloquent tack about Christianity, it is reireshing to drop into an institution ake the Howard Mission, in the New Bowery, and see Christianity at work. Talk little but never get we ry in well doing seems to be the motto of the promoters of this institution. Indough vesterday was the day when a special invitation was given to all the city to call in and see the institution there was no ostentation display of "our mission." A simple, unpretending, free and casy service was need in the mosting, which was largery attended by a well dressed congregation. About 150 of the elder girls occupied a raised gallery at the side of the nam. A young lady presided as the plano, and popular sabbath school nymins were well song by these girls. There was an occasional variation, when one of the eder girls modestly came from her seat in the galery and sang a song with all the elementary power of a professional singer. The Rev. W. C. Van arker, the superintendent of the mission, was sick and unable to be present, but between the singing several geather and delivered short, invely and pracedical andresses to the environ and the congregation. In a lower room todding hamft chadren and young girls and bo, a well-boxed along a raised platorin. An interface in young lady presided with admirable last and delicacy over this interesting froup of about 200 chi uren and a much younger lady did duty at the jamo. Including who had these candren so admirably under per command was maned hirst Agnes Lewis, and the report of the mission thus speaks of herr.—Sine possesses and employs a peculiar tact and power in her work, and also occase size is herself a child of Howard Mission, the rectipent of its inducate and benefits from her earness days." This was a limited speciment of the work of the Howard Mission, raw material of which works about this mission are very feebe and signify next to hothing by the side of that hving, breathing human son. That this mission needs a face the property of the square inte, and wave there is an average of less than two dwelling houses to each groy shop, dance house of other extension for the surface of soco. To the square inte, and wave distances in a region of which application exists at the race of soco. To the square i the motto of the promoters of this institution. Though vesterday was the day when a special in-

Five Points Hou

The most touching and picturesque co:ebration of the new national and popular festival of Thanksgiving, which gave God glory and man comfor yesterday in this city, came off in the House of Industry, which is situated in the well known and once notorious "Five Points." It was the carnival day of the litt e gutter children and of the foundling and the fatheriess, for whom kind Providence has regize fully the idea which poor Howard Payne withed to convey when, an outcast and in the agony of desolution, he sang "there's no place the Home." The scene in the Internor of the building

witherd to convey when, an outcast and in the agony of desolution, he sang "there's no place the Home." The scene in the interior of the building would be an admirable subject to a painter, because of the strong and strange contrasts it suggested—the lights being bright and given plaring, while the shadows were dark as a resons. The spread made by the benerogenee of the St. Nicholas Hotel would be worthy of its own mahogany, and if the guesta at the Et. James had finer thracys they had no reason to compain of their commutation fee.

The services were consucted in the school room in the mortaing under the superintendence of Mr. Hailiday, and consisted of short exhoriations and instructions alternating with mymas an songs. Some pathetic words were addressed by Mr. Chapin and the Rev. Mr. Radsback in a few pith? semences, which who yengaged the attention of the juvenies, explained the object of the lestive, and in a masterly manner, drew a touching moral from the celebration. The children were obtainly and in a distinct of the children were obtainly and in a distinct of the product of the lestive, and in a masterly manner, drew a touching moral from the celebration. The children were obtainly and in a distinct of the distinct of the product of the capture of the superintendent from a child who wished the hospital:—"will first political product of the gainer from that traditional roman of the approach of the product of the gainer from that traditional romane when will be ever new, the "sabes in the Wool,"

The second of the product of the gainer hour approached was at once excluding suggestive and meancandy. A free dimner was given to every child who applied for it, and the name of the appricants was beginner and the product of the procuration of the

me, ancaoty. A free dinner was given to every child who applied for it, and the name of the applicants was legion. All the simms in the neighborhood gave up at their juvenite squalor, and razs, wreteneiness and rudianism, for variously monified degrees, were everywhere appearent in the restriess sea of degraded young humanity as it swayed to and fro in front of the douse of industry. Foung Chinese, looking coid as release and yellow as santron; untireculenced, greasy young sews; juvenite Embophans, on the dimensions of whose tips civilization seems to have made no impression; tittle Duich large, who yaned and yelled has demons, and pugnacious rais, full of its, fight and frolie—these made up this money crowd. Parental care and some education would make many of tuose tades good, even if not the most virtious citizens; but if one is to judge of their future by the perversite painted on their faces me vast body of them will live only to prey upon society and be at once the soourge and the degrace of civilization.

Yesterday morning there was divine service at St. Barnabas House, No. 304 Mulberry street, at which the Rev. H. Duvekinck, Rev. Mr. Oeriel and the enapthey distributed cakes and sweetinests among the little ones, to the charger of those who had forgotten thus to provide themselves with girts, jet to the great designs of the boys and girts, who were apply in the receip of cases, candles and other awest condiments.

The company of visitors having retired to the parlocation of the boys of condition was served. Air. Cyrus it, houted, chairman of the boys of Enigration Committee of the Boys of Enigration Commissioners having first welcomed all to the Island. It appearing that mem-

\$7,007 98 and the receipts have been \$5,106 58. If thanksgiving offerings could be sent to the chablain to meet the dediciency, a good many hearts would be lighter, much practical discomfort at this house avoided and some of the rich upbown people very little poorer. May we be partoned by suggesting to these that "a word to the wise is eaough."

The children attached to the senools of this society enjoyed their usual annual Thank-giving dinner ones well clad. Several of the children acquitted themselves creditably in recitations, dialogues, &c themselves creditably in recitations, dialogues, &c. The society have two large day industrial and two moseion schools under their charge. They have recently purchased the large building No. 101 St. Mark's place for an orphans' home, depending upon the Legislature and the penevolence of New York for the completion of their plans. The largest school is at No. 201 Bowery, which was yesterday crowded with 400 juvenites. During the last calendar year there were 2,078 children attending the different schools, about 1,000 day schools, and the remainder being attached to the mission schools. Budley Field is president of the society, and Nev. D. F. Robertson secretary. Victor M. Rice, one of the directors, has recently deceased.

Newsboys' Lodging House.

Thanks to the thoughtfulness of the friends of this institution a capital Thanksgiving dinner was provided for the newsboys, and nearly two hundred partook bountifully of roast turkey and its accespariook bountifully of roast turkey and its accessories. After dinner a meeting was held, at which several gentlemen nodressed the newstoys. Inelodging house as 170 immates, and can accommodate many more. No boys having homes are admitted. Instruction is given the boys in a night school, and, with their genmasium, batarooms, large and airy dormatories and excellent bods, the homeless newsboys here and a comfortable and happy reduce.

Midnight Mission. A bountiful Thanksgiving dinner was provided for the inmates of this institution by its iriends, but no unusual exercises characterized the day at the missons the exercises characterized the day at the mission. The establishment has been prospering during the year and is constantly lacreasing in his diffuses, but the need of a larger building is very much fell. It is contemplated to devise measures for rusing additional funds this winter with which to enlarge the mission and extend its usefulness among those unfortunate females for whose relies and reformation it was established.

TARGET EXCURSIONS.

As is the usual custom, there was no end to target excursions festerday, some of the favorite places of resort being compelled to entertain two and three companies each. Elm Park, Jones' Wood, East New York, Buil's Ferry, Guttenburg, Weebawken and Etaten Island were overrun, it being estimated that there were at the least calculation 5,000 men under arms and over \$50,000 worth of prizes

THE DAY IN BROOKLYN.

The day was never better observed in Brooklyn. The fine weather had the effect of attracting an un-usually large number of people outdoors, and the churches were all well attended. There were several parades of target companies and two or three grotesque organizations; Enougha" were mounted on miserable shargy males, and passed through some of the principal streets, accompanied by a band of music, bound for East New York on a target excursion. The stores were generally closed, and there was no basiness transacted at the City Hall or in any of the courts. Incre were several entertainments, one of which, given George W. Anderson, at Latimer Hail, where several billiardis's displayed their ability with the cue, was very largely attended and an enjoyable time was had. There were bails in the evening at nearly all the public halls throughout the city. Emmers were given by the charitable to the orphans, the immates of the Old Ladies' flome, and other praiseworth institutions were not overlooked by those who were able to make provision for their less fortunate fellow creatures. The afternoon and evening performances at the 'ark theatre and Hooley's Opera licuse were patronized to a degree most dattering, pecuniarily, to the respective managers.

. NEW JERSEY.

The quiet of Sabbath reigned yesterday in the several cities of New Jersey, and no holiday was more strictly observed. Services were held in all the churches, and the congregations were nearly as

THANKSGIVING IN THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE PRISON.

Pardoned-Interesting and Impressive Cere-Laws and Judges-A Merited Criticism by

the Prison Warden.
Boston, Nov. 18, 1869. The New England festival of Thanksgiving is always one of peculiar interest in the Massachusetts State Prison. Upon the annual recurrence of the occasion all restraint is removed from the prisoners, and they are provided with a genuine Thanksgiving d.nner, accompanied by all the desserts and after-parts which go to make up a first class repast. Another custom, more interesting than all the others, has been the granting of several pardons each Thanksgiving to such of the inmates as seemed to ment mercy, the number selected each year vary-

The customary privileges and dinner were granted to-day, but preceding them there were religious exercises inside the chapel. Rev. Mr. Carlton the chaplain, conducted the ceremonies, and after

co-day, but preceding them there were religious exercises inside the chapel. Rev. Mr. Carlton the chapiain, conducted the ceremonies, and after prayer and singing by the prison choir there were brief and interesting addresses by various distinguished gentiemen present. Colone: Charles in a subject of the prison of the prison for investing addresses by various distinguished gentiemen present. Colone: Charles in a subject of the prison, for lowed in brief remarks, and after he had dinished a Miss Swan, of Charlestoan, real a patrionic poem and also the celebrated Lady Tollie distinguished her husband.

Gideon Haynes, the Warden of the prison, then address sid the inmates. He said that his remarks would be chiefly confined to the matter of patdons. He did not believe in parsons but the laws of Massachusetts and many other States were such that they were desirable, if not absolutely necessary. As it is, however, the necessity of pardons was cear to all who would give the matter express consideration. But to decide who were the most describing of cemetry was very difficult. All who had been parsoned from the institution on Thanks, dvine ovations had been deserving of mercy, and their conduct after gaining freedom had uniformly been such as to justify their release. There were two, he said, to be parloued to-day, and he hopel that their conduct in after hie would be such as to render them good and useful citizens. At this remark there was a total silence—a stillness almost balinful, for none but the Warden knew upon woom the mantle of freedom was to fail, and nearly e-ery urisoner noned, if he did not expect, that he would be the favored one. Ar. Haynes, he sitated a couple of seconds and then amounced the names of John Long and John Hayes. These two fortunate mea were loudly cheered by their fellow prisoners, and as they shool up in asknowledgment of their sundien and unexpected release they shed tears of joy. The scene was one of great equotion, and among the 300 or 400 prisoners there was scarcely a dry eye. Mr. H

OBSERVANCE OF THE DAY ELSEWHERE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18, 1869. Thanksgiv ng Day was very generally observed here. All the government departments were closed and public and private business was almost entirely suspended. Divine service was held in the churches.

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Bosron, Nov. 18, 1869.

Thanksgiving Day was observed in the good old fashioned st. Business was entirely suspended and the caureties were well filled in the morning. The thealres were overflowed in the alternoon and evening, and there were many lambly gallerings and other social intercourse appropriate to the occasion. The weather was pleasant.

Battingra Nov. 18, 1869.

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Thanksgiving Day was generally observed be Public offices were closed and private business w

sider the fitness and qualification of candidates for Police and Civil Justice, to be voted for at the approaching Charter election. Mr. High Pattison was elected charman and Mr. Michael McManus, secretary. After considerable discussion as to the merits of candidates resolutions were offered by Mr. William H. Burns and unanimously adopted, warmly eulogizing Judge Edward hieg in and Judge Dennis Quinn, and endorsing these guntlemen as candidates for the onless of Police and Civil Justice, respectively, and strongly urging their renomination for the offices so long and honorably filed by them.

At a meeting of delegates representing the several hospendent democratic clubs of the fourteenth Arlermanic district, field on Wednesday evening, at 129 avenue A. E. J. Ubyrne in the cault, it was Resolved, That we endorse Mr. James Egan as our candiat 129 avenue A. E. J. O Byrne in the chair, it was Resolved, That we endorse Mr. James Egan as ore candidate for Assistant Alderman of the Fouriesth distret, and pledge curselves to use all honorable means to seed him. At a meeting held at 25 Eighth avenue, on Wednesday evening, Mr. Charles S. Spencer was manimously nominated for Alderman of the Sixteenth ward, and Samuel Burciay for Assistant Alderman. Mr. Spencer responded in his usual beasant manner accepting the nomination. President, Edward R. Harper; Secretary, W. L. Robb.

most entirely suspended. Divine service was be the churches of all denominations. Various in ry organizations paraded in the afternoon.

To-day was observed as a national holiday. Work was suspended in the departments here.

The Maryland Base Ball Cluo of Bastimore arrived here this morning and played a picked nine irons the fort. Score—Maryland, 29; picked nine, 3.

Augusta. Ga., Nov. 18, 1869. To-day was partially observed as fhankgiving Day.

Thanksgiving Day was generally observed. Places of business were all closed. Service was held at all the churches.

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WILMINGTON, N. C., Nov. 18, 1869.

To-day was generally observed as Thanksgiving Day. Most of the business nouses were closed and service was held at the various churches.

The Merchants' Exchange, Post Office, the courts and all public offices were closed to day, and ousiness was generally a stepched. Services were head in all the churches, and the day was observed in a quiet and decorous manner.

At No. 131 Franklin street, Fitth ward, a large and

influential meeting of citizens and ousiness men, embracing all shades of politics, not particularly

identified with party, assembled last evening to con-sider the fitness and qualification of candidates for

Democratic Union Judiciary Convention. At a meeting of the Democratic Union Convent held at corner of 114th street and Third avenue. Mr. Wm. L. Wiley was nominated for Porice Justice and Mr. Michael Halloran for Civil Justice.

Democratic Union (Ely) Judicial Conventions

The Democratic Union (Ely) Judicial nominating conventions met last night, with the following

result:-	
Dist. Police Justice.	Civil Justice.
1-Adjourned	. Adjourned.
2-Joseph Dowling	. I nomas Kıvlın.
3-John Cox	.Arthur J. Delaney.
4-Adjourned	.Adjourned.
5-Aujourned	. Adjourned.
6-Adjourned	. Adjourned.
7-Adjourned	.Adjouraed.
8-Thomas A. Leiwith	.Thomas W. Pittman
9-Adjourned	.adourned

"THE THIEF OF TIME."

\$2,000 Worth of Stolen Clocks Recovered-The Prisoner a Notorious River Thiet. During the early part of the week Chief Kelso at the Central Office, received information that a large number of chr nometers, barometers and French clocks in faucy cases were being hawked around the streets by itinorant pedhawked around the streets by kinerant pediers at a reduced price, that led to the belief that they were stolen. Detectives Tuly, Eastoo and Thiy were detailed to ascertain the lountain nead and arrest the party who were disjosing of them to the pediers. They accordingly accretained that one Michael Fhannon, residing at the southeast corner of Houston and Weststreets, was the party who was furnishing the ware. Early posterday morning they proceeds to the place and finding Shannon in bed they secured him, and searching the premises found a trunk filled what clocks stant ar to those sord on the street, besides a large bundle all valued at \$2,000. There was also found in the Boase a French cavairy eighteen-barrelied revolver, loaded; also a five-barrelied Remington revolver. The prisoner was conveved to the Central Odice, where he stated the goods were left in its possession by a party whose name he refused to reveat, for the purpose of selling them. He will be arranghed at the fombs this morning and committed, to enable the officers to find an owner for the property, unless he is "habcased" out of their custody.

EUSEKA LITERARY ASSOCIATION.

One of the most attractive social remions of the season was held last evening at Ward school No. under the auspices of Eureka Literary Asso ciation. The hall was flited by a large and select audionce, composed mainly of young persons of both sexes, and a most unque and varied programme was offered, comprising vocal and instrumental moste. Autong those who were especially well received were Miss Nettle Hiscox, in a selection from "il Trovatore;" Miss A. C. Ratne, in an overtue from "Oberon;" Mrs. W. E. Parsons, in a solo from "Robert le Diable;" Mr. J. C. Monday, in an address, "An Appeal for Cuba," and the Lintracat Machinertho, in a number of fine glees and choruses. ciation. The ball was flied by a large and

Pifteen members of the Washington press arrived in Richmond yesterday morning, and were enter-tained by the memoers of the press of that city at the Spottswood Hotel. They will return to day.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A NEW STORIS gun in this week's HEARTH AND HOME, now ready. It is written in the best style of this fascinating author, who is so popular with American readers that over 100,000 copies of her story entitled "Alone" have been sold in book form. "Against Odds" will be found to possess the same wonderful interest, and to teach the same high moral lessons, thus rendering it peculiarly fit for the columns of Bearth and Home, the largest, best and cheapest family weekly in the English language. Sold by all newsdealers at 7 cents.

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